



Diverse youth
taking the initiative
and acting as a
positive voice
in our community

Kirkland Youth
Council

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Thank you for your interest in the Kirkland Youth Council! We are a group of about 40 teens grades 7-12 who attend school or live in Kirkland. KYC members are involved with all kinds of stuff including service projects, special events, teen court, and our own video program. We are an active group that has the responsibility of representing our school, social and cultural group, the City as well as the youth of Kirkland.

In order for your application to be considered, please be sure that it is complete.

- ☐ Respond to all form questions
- ☐ Complete essay questions
- ☐ Review and sign Commitment Pledge
- ☐ Submit at least one personal recommendation

Applications that are incomplete, illegible, or late will not be considered.

**All application materials are due by 5pm on
Friday, September 23, 2011**

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Youth who meet the following guidelines are eligible to apply for the Kirkland Youth Council:

- Must be in grades 6-12, or age 12-19.
- Must attend a Kirkland base school or reside within Kirkland City Limits.
- Must be willing to represent the interest of all teens in Kirkland.
- Must be able and willing to give a minimum of 30 hours of service a school year, including evenings and weekends.

HOW ARE NEW KYC MEMBERS SELECTED?

Each year, current Youth Council members must select new members from the Kirkland area to fill positions that have been vacated. Guidelines for the selection process are as follows:

- The selection committee is made up of current KYC Leadership members and, when necessary, other Youth Council members.
- The selection committee will be fully committed to achieving a diverse council that represents all social, cultural, ethnic, gender, age, and sexual orientations that are a part of Kirkland's teen population.
- City staff serve in an advisory and supportive capacity during the selection process, but will not have any voting privileges. All decisions will be made by the selection committee.
- Selection of new KYC members is made on the basis of the KYC application as well as personal/group interviews.
- Selection of new members is determined primarily upon the following criteria: commitment, reliability, desire to serve the community, and leadership.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I TURN IN MY APPLICATION?

All eligible submitted applications will be reviewed by a group of current Kirkland Youth Council members the first week of October. This group will determine which applicants will be invited for an interview. You will be contacted either by phone or email. It is your responsibility to check your email and phone for any messages. We are hoping to have our selection process completed by the end of October.

QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact:

Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator

kyc@kirklandwa.gov

425.587.3323



2011-12 Kirkland Youth Council Application Form



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Best Number(s) to Reach You: _____



PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list names of two adults (not related to you) who know you well (teacher, coach, employer, youth pastor, etc.). We may contact these people, so please be sure to ask them first!

Name: _____ Position: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Did a current KYC member ask you to apply? If so, please list their name: _____



TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Please share with us what you are involved with at school. This could be clubs, ASB, sports teams, interest groups, etc.

Please tell us about what you do outside of school – interests, church, hobbies, clubs, music, etc.

Briefly tell us about your knowledge, experience, and interest in local, state, and/or federal government (for example classes at school, tours, conferences, etc.).



ESSAY QUESTIONS

Ok, we know this doesn't sound like a lot of fun, but don't worry, we tried to make these questions fun! We would like to know more about who you are. Relax, have fun, and be creative! Please answer any two of the following questions. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach your answers to your completed application form. We prefer typed responses, but if you do choose to handwrite, please make sure we can read your answers!

1. We want to get to know who you are! Choose any three words that you think best describe you and explain why.
2. Everyone has ideas about things that need to be improved in their community. If you could change three things in the Kirkland community what would they be and why? What are some of the ideas you have that could help to change these things?
3. Why are you interested in joining the Kirkland Youth Council?
4. There are many people in our community that need help. If you were given the opportunity to coordinate a community service project for other youth in King County, what would you do and why? Who would you help? How would you help?
5. Everyone is unique in some way. This is what helps to make the Kirkland Youth Council so diverse. Tell us what unique qualities, talents, and experiences you have that would benefit KYC.



COMMITMENT PLEDGE

Please Note: While it is true that being a member of the Kirkland Youth Council may “look good” on a resume or college application some day, we strongly discourage anyone who is joining solely for that reason. There is time and commitment involved. We are a group of youth who are committed to making a difference in our community, who want to have fun, learn about local government, have a voice and use it, and want to represent the youth of Kirkland.

Please be aware of the following requirements of all KYC members:

- Two KYC meetings per month held on the second and fourth Mondays during the school year.
- Represent the interests of the student body of my school.
- Participate in four Youth Council service projects per year.
- Serve as juror for Teen Traffic Court at least twice a year.
- Assist in the planning and execution of the Youth Summit held every even year in the spring.
- Assist in the planning and execution of the annual Bluefish Festival the second Saturday in June.
- Participate in the production of KYC’s video program, “We’ve Got Issues”.
- Serve on at least one Mini Grant Review Committee.
- Actively participate in meetings and projects – everyone’s ideas are important!

Your signature below constitutes a pledge that your responses to the questions in this application are accurate and entirely your work. In addition, you understand and will follow the requirements of the Kirkland Youth Council if you are selected to represent your school, social group, community, and the City of Kirkland.

Signature

Date

Applications must be received by Friday, September 23, 2011, 5pm.

Please mail, deliver, fax or email to:

Regi Schubiger
Youth Services Coordinator
Kirkland Parks & Community Services
505 Market Street; Ste A
Kirkland, WA 98033
Fax: 425.587.3303
Email: kyc@kirklandwa.gov



PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please give this form to any non-family member, youth or adult, who you think knows you really well. Please make sure that they fill everything out clearly and legibly and turned in by **Friday, September 23, 2011.**

Recommender's Name: _____

Applicant Name: _____

How Do You Know the Applicant? _____

How Long Have You Known the Applicant? _____

Please comment below on why you think this person should be a member of the Kirkland Youth Council. Consider what unique qualities and talents this person can bring to KYC.

Recommender's Signature

Date

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